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COL. ROBT. W. DAVIS' PALATKA SPEECH

Has Been Commented on by Press of the State Generally.

Parties returning yesterday from the celebration of the launching of the City of Palatka, say the speech of Col. Robt. W. Davis, of this city, captured the crowd. There were a number of other good talkers, but the Gainesville people say that Col. Davis got most of the applause, deserved it, and they are proud of the fact.—Gainesville Sun.

The News had two sincere regrets over the Palatka launching ceremonies last week. One of these was that it had been disappointed in its efforts to secure a picture of this distinguished Floridian, and the other that it could not reproduce the really eloquent address Col. Davis delivered at the Court House.

The Gainesville Sun is right; it was Col. Davis' speech that captured the crowd, and it was to him that the bulk of the applause went. This, however, reflects in no wise on the really eloquent and patriotic address of Gov. Trammell, or the addresses of the other distinguished gentlemen present. It must be remembered that Col. Davis, long the idol of this people, had been away from us many years, and it was his recollection of old times and the struggles of other days, and the fact that he was then our leader, and knew what he was talking about, that captured the crowd. Palatka has changed from those times and has other leaders now; and in the years to come it will have still others; but it is doubtful if the time will ever come when any star in the political firmament will shine over this section with the effulgence attached to that of Col. Robt. W. Davis. He was among his own and his own were just "receiving" him again after a long absence.

That Col. Davis' also enjoyed the visit "back home" will be seen by extracts from letters to The News and to Secretary Elliott of the board of trade. To the former he writes:

"Palatka certainly did herself proud the other day. I enjoyed every minute of my stay—my only drawback being my abominable hay-fever—which put me in bed for awhile."

To Sec. Elliott he wrote:

"I certainly want to congratulate you and, through you, the board of trade and the city on the success of the launching celebration the other day. It was, of course, unfortunate that the ship balked, but that makes no difference so far as the success of the celebration goes—that was a complete success and did Palatka proud. I could not help but sympathize with the worthy owners and builders of the schooner, but I feel sure the future is all right for them. With many thanks for courtesies shown me, Sincerely yours, Robt. W. Davis."

Hon. W. V. Knott Here.

State Comptroller, Hon. W. V. Knott of Tallahassee arrived in the city Sunday night and remained over until Tuesday morning, a guest at the Saratoga.

Mr. Knott, who is an avowed candidate for governor, is looked upon in Palatka, at least, as the unquestioned successor of Gov. Trammell. During his stay in the city he was constantly surrounded by friends and was given every assurance that here in Palatka, at least, where he once lived for more than a year, that he would secure a heavy vote.

Mr. Knott has been in the service of the state many years. He was called to Tallahassee by the late Gov. Mitchell early in his administration, as an expert accountant, to audit the accounts of officials. From this work he became State Auditor, then State Treasurer, and later Comptroller. Mr. Knott has such an intimate knowledge of the business of the State as few men could acquire. In the office of Governor he would bring this knowledge to bear in the administration of affairs, greatly to the advantage of the people. There is a general feeling throughout the State that Mr. Knott is entitled to this promotion as a part recognition of his unquestioned ability and devotion to the State's interests.

Does your conscience ever require an alarm clock to awaken it?



COL. ROBT. W. DAVIS.

Former Congressman and present Registrar of the United States Land Office at Gainesville, whose speech captured the crowd here last week.

"PALATKA" TOOK THE WATER BEAUTIFULLY

Last Tuesday Afternoon—Great Crowd Enjoyed the Launching.

The schooner "Palatka" has finally yielded to persuasion and has taken to the water; likes it so well that it will take something more than persuasion to get her out.

The announcement of the launching was given Tuesday morning for 1 o'clock that day. By the hour named a great crowd had assembled on the ground. A few moments later the steamer "Crescent" arrived with another large crowd.

Men were knocking the props out from under, beginning at the bow and working back. The track was greased with Florida tallow.

The sponsor, Miss Margaret Willard, and her assistants, with the owners and several invited guests mounted the deck; when next to the last prop had been knocked out there was heard a little crunching noise and the crowd was warned to stand back; the workmen were just preparing to knock out the last prop, when the great ship gave way. The slide was most graceful. As the ship began to move Miss Willard repeated the words of her ritual and cracked the bottle of champagne over the side of the great ship, and the thing was done.

The great ship rode the ways perfectly, striking the water squarely and gliding gracefully into the river where she floated along with the tide until she was caught and guided back to her moorings, where the finishing touches will be put on. It was a beautiful sight, this graceful ship decorated with its flags and bunting, and as she rode the water every Palatkan felt a pride in her, as well they might, and in the enterprise of her builders.

Of course there were no special exercises aside from the actual christening by Miss Willard—these had been held on the Thursday before. It was then that Mayor Merriam in the name of the city presented the name plates and signal flags, and Mrs. D. J. Coughlin, for the Palatka Woman's Club, presented the beautiful American flag which is to command the respect of the nations as the "Palatka" rides the seas. That Capt. Walter Surles appreciated these gifts, was manifest in his address of thanks, when he said:

"In behalf of the owners and constructors of this boat, I wish to assure you of our appreciation of and gratitude to the good people of Palatka, and Putnam county for the compliments, kind words and many tokens of good will you have so lavishly bestowed on us. Such acts of kindness can never be forgotten, but will remain with us during the years to come, an incentive to greater efforts, and whether this boat sails smoothly or is wrecked by the hazards of the sea, the good impressions made today will survive."

"Madam President of the Woman's Club, I desire to express to you and through you to all the members of your Club, our sincere thanks for this beautiful flag of our country. Appropriately will it be attached to this ship and proudly will it wave through the breezes of many climes, constantly reminding us of your good will and generous offering."

"Mr. President, and members of the City Council, please accept our thanks and be assured of our gratitude for this beautiful name plate, bearing the name of the Gem City and the name of this boat, which you have so graciously tendered to us. It will be appropriately attached to this boat telling the multitudes of the patriotic home of this ship, located in the tropics of this fair Commonwealth."

"Long live this patriotic people in happiness. Long float this ship under the name of the Gem City in honorable transit and forever may the flag of our country wave triumphantly over this Nation."

George Gay Makes Discovery.

"Of course we read the Bible every day," said Mr. Geo. E. Gay to The News, "but this summer while Mrs. Gay was away and the evenings were hanging heavy on me, I might say without exaggeration or any bluster of excess piety that I have literally 'searched the Scriptures.' There are many things of interest to a business man in the Bible, aside from its spiritual side. Some of the books are replete with good business maxims. I have really enjoyed the hours I have spent in the study of this Book of Books. But there was one thing I discovered which has puzzled me much, and as yet I have found no one who could enlighten me. I have asked several about it, and while two or three of the ministers were aware of the fact, none of them could quote account for it."

"The discovery is this—that there are two chapters in the Bible, written at different times and by different men, which read exactly alike, though one chapter has one more verse than the other. I refer to the 19th chapter of II Kings, and the 37 chapter of Isaiah. Look when you go home."

NOTICE TO THE LADIES.

As the Holidays are drawing near and you will want to begin your work for Christmas, this little notice is just to let you know that I have received my complete line of stamped goods, also all materials for working same. Come in early and inspect the line so that you can decide what you will want.

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CHARTER COMMISSION HAS BEEN ELECTED

Members to Prepare New City Charter for Approval of People.

There was an election in Palatka on Tuesday. Few people knew of it, and fewer still availed themselves of the privilege of voting. It was one of those quiet, home affairs in which only five of our best citizens were in the receiving line and took the votes without opposition, though a few—a very few—got funny and voted for others who were not invited to the reception. They were probably a little bewildered and wanted to do something different. A few men thought they were voting for bond trustees. But that of course was a mistake on their part.

They had been called to vote for five members of a charter board, and in order to make the voting clear the board of managers only placed five names on the ticket. These five were therefore elected by the following vote:

Howell A. Davis 61, H. O. Hamm 73, H. E. Merryday 71, J. V. Walton 68, and J. H. Yelverton Jr. 70.

There were other scattering votes—only a few—in favor of other citizens like Prof. Holmes, the colored man who pushes a shrimp cart in summer and one filled with strawberries and early vegetables in the sweet spring time. The professor got 13, Hon. Wm. G. Tilghman got two, and S. S. Browning over at East Palatka was called on by two or three voters to come over into Massadonia and help us to construct a concrete fundamental law on which to erect a city. Of course these scattering votes don't count. The original five have been awarded the contract. The specifications, it is understood, do not call for a commission form of government.

The commission will now proceed to draft a charter for the city. When the rough draft is made it will be subject to discussion by the commission; when all is ready the document will be published several times for public scrutiny. Then an election will be called and the people can vote to accept or reject.

One thing, these men who have been given the charter building contract are all competent. It is doubtful if more competent men could have been found in the city. J. H. Yelverton Jr. has given much solid thought to assessment and tax matters; he wants equality of assessment and taxation and he wants a better basis for arriving at equality.

Both Messrs. Walton and Davis have good ideas on municipal management, and while they may not always agree in substance with the ideas of the Palatka Gas Light and Fuel Co., they may nevertheless be said to be good.

Col. Merryday is a man of experience; he knows all about past Palatka charters and can avoid the rocks on which they were split. Mr. Hamm, who by reason of having the heaviest vote is entitled to head the commission, is one of Palatka's leading wholesale merchants and will make a most valuable member of the board.

Entertains Mission Band.

The first meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Lillian S. Knight, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Knight as treasurer of the Suwannee Presbytery was present at the eighth annual meeting of that body which met in Jacksonville last April, and she gave a report which covered the work done during the year in the various societies. The summary was very gratifying to the members. After the society had transacted the current business, the hostess served a delicious repast, assisted by Miss Georgia Rowan.

Miss Maye Boyd, 308 Kirkland street, announces the opening of her class in private piano instruction. Pupils desired in school branches. 10-22-15

THE FALL TERM OF PUTNAM CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Jas. T. Wills Presiding, Having a Busy Week.

By way of parenthesis it might be well to state that the two murder cases over which some local interest has been shown, have fallen through by reason of failure of grand jury to find a true bill. The cases were those of Will Scarborough, colored, who has been held some time on charge of murdering Joe Percell. The state had no evidence against Scarborough, who has always borne a good reputation in this city, and whose friends could never lose faith in his innocence. He had been in jail since spring.

The other case was that against Jim Meredith, or familiarly known as "Greasy Jim," held for the murder of Robt. Barrow, while on a little drunk up the river several weeks ago. Here there was no evidence and consequently the jury failed to return an indictment.

Yesterday the court was busy on the criminal grind, and also tried one civil case. The docket has been cleared up to the present of the following cases:

Manning J. Hudson vs. Selden Cypress Door Co.; trespass on the case, damages \$10,000; verdict for defendant company.

J. V. Walton vs. Benj. F. Strauss; assumpsit; damages \$600; verdict for plaintiff.

Oliver H. Ewing vs. Rodman Lumber Co.; ejectment; damages \$1,600; plaintiff takes non-suit.

R. C. Howell vs. G. W. Younglove; assumpsit; damages \$400; verdict for plaintiff of \$241.75 and attorneys fee.

State Bank of Palatka vs. P. L. Sutherland; civil action; damages \$5,000; verdict for plaintiff of \$2575.33 and \$250 attorney's fee.

S. W. Johnson vs. T. A. Sennett; assumpsit; damages \$400; verdict for defendant.

Jere S. Smith vs. John T. Griffin; attachment; judgment entered by court.

F. L. Brown and B. L. Brown, co-partners as F. L. Brown & Son vs. W. O. McCullough, deft., and E. W. Carter garnishee; civil action, damages \$400; default clerk to assess damages.

Empire Glass & Decoration Co. etc. vs. J. S. Griffin and J. M. Drake as members of Emanuel Methodist Episcopal church; case called and no one appeared for any of the parties.

Criminal Cases.

State of Florida vs. Chas. Jackson and Arthur Mack; assault with intent to murder; verdict of not guilty as to Jackson; Arthur Mack guilty of aggravated assault; sentence to six months in county jail at hard labor.

State of Florida vs. John Russell; breaking and entering; verdict guilty; sentence—five years in State prison at hard labor.

State of Florida vs. Ernest Glen; assault with intent to murder; verdict guilty; sentence—five years in State prison at hard labor.

State of Florida vs. Short John; breaking and entering; pleads guilty; sentence—two years in State prison at hard labor.

State of Florida vs. George Eichler; assault with intent to murder; verdict, guilty; sentence—one year in State prison at hard labor.

State of Florida vs. Ida Henderson; malicious mischief; pleads guilty; sentence suspended.

State of Florida vs. Geo. Jackson; grand larceny; guilty; sentence—State prison three years at hard labor.

Philathea Rally.

Mrs. F. L. Thorpe, president of the Philathea class of the Presbyterian church, was hostess Tuesday evening for a rally meeting of the class. Plans were discussed for increasing the attendance and interest of the class for the coming year. It was decided to have a contest in which there would be captains chosen for each side to work for new members. Miss Grizella Merrill was elected captain of one side and Miss Irene Gardner captain of the other side. In January the losing side will have to act as entertainers for the winning side. After the business of the evening was over, a theater party was formed to witness Mary Pickford in "Esmeralda" at the Grand.

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